

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

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FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR WINDING  
OF WEBSPRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-referenced application,  
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete Claims 20-29.

3. The apparatus according to claim 1, comprising means (19, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30) for causing said third roll (5) to position and align freely between said first and second rolls (3, 4) and said winding roll (2) when said apparatus is in said nominal winding position.

4. The apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that, in said nominal winding position, said second angle is substantially 180°.

5. The apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that, in said nominal winding position, said third half-plane is substantially vertical.

6. The apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that loading means (19) apply forces on the bearings of said third roll (5) so that the end regions of said third roll (5) abut said first and second rolls (3, 4) for any width of said winding roll (2) when said apparatus is in said nominal winding position.